



The National Science and Technology Council's Sub-Committee on Standards:

Addressing Federal Agencies' Engagement in Standards

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Federal Government's Interest in Standards

- ❑ Government's intersection with standards
 - ❑ Traditional roles – Regulation, procurement, grant guidance, trade
 - ❑ Emerging roles – Innovation, global competition

- ❑ Technology basis for a number of national priorities – Smart Grid, Electronic Health Records, Cloud Computing, Cyber security, etc.

- ❑ System of systems type problems

- ❑ Interoperability – a technical issue with significant policy implications and impacts

The National Science and Technology Council's Sub-committee on Standards

- ❑ High level inter-agency sub-committee under the NSTC Committee on Technology
- ❑ Sponsored by OSTP, OMB and NEC. Co-chaired by NIST
- ❑ Standards policy focus
- ❑ Holistic view to address new set of challenges
- ❑ Leverage the expertise of the Inter-agency Committee on Standards Policy

Opportunity for Engagement

- ❑ Early task: address effectiveness of federal agency engagement in standardization
 - ❑ Questions exploring different aspects of why and how federal agencies engage in the private sector led standards system

- ❑ RFI issued on December 8, 2010. Deadline of March 7th, 2011

- ❑ High level Standards Roundtable organized on Jan. 25th.

- ❑ Information about SoS, RFI, and Standards Roundtable at: http://www.standards.gov/standards_gov/nstcsubcommitteeonstandards.cfm

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